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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 4, 2005 setting a shortened statutory period for response expiring December 4, 2005.

Applicants hereby elect claims 1, 2 and 5 of Group I for examination in the present application.

This election is made without traverse.

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